

## RESOLUTION NO. R2022-15

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL, TO  
DESIGNATE WELLINGTON AS A "VISION ZERO CITY", DIRECTING  
STAFF TO CREATE A VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN, ESTABLISHING A  
GOAL OF NO SEVERE TRAFFIC INJURIES OR FATALITIES BY 2030;  
DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO TAKE  
ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO EFFECTUATE SAME; DESIGNATING  
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS;  
AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida is the most dangerous state for people walking, consistently ranking number 1 on the Pedestrian Danger Index by Smart Growth America, with the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach urbanized area consistently ranking as one of the worst metropolitan areas in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, 176 people in Palm Beach County and 3,189 people statewide die annually on roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, Vision Zero starts with the ethical belief that everyone has the right to move safely in their communities, and that system designers and policy makers share the responsibility to ensure safe systems for travel; and

**WHEREAS**, death and serious injuries are not acceptable for citizens, commuters, guests, or others who live, work, or play in the Village of Wellington; and

**WHEREAS**, a key element of the Vision Zero system is to set a goal of no severe traffic injuries or fatalities by 2030, which can be achieved by reframing traffic fatalities as preventable; focusing on system failure; reducing the impact of collisions; adopting a safe system approach for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians; data-driven decision making; and viewing road safety as a social equity issue; and

**WHEREAS**, a roadway system with frequent crashes causes travel delays, drains fiscal resources, and threatens the quality of life in Wellington as well as the reputation of Wellington as a desirable destination for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL that:

**SECTION 1.** The Wellington Council hereby establishes that the elimination of traffic fatalities and the reduction of serious injuries due to traffic accidents is a goal of the Village of Wellington.

**SECTION 2.** The Wellington Council hereby adopts Vision Zero as the policy for road and traffic safety in the Village of Wellington and directs that near and long-term traffic planning be based on Vision Zero principles.

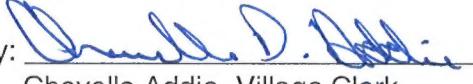
40                   **SECTION 3:** The Wellington Council directs staff to develop a Vision Zero Action  
41 Plan for achieving the goals of eliminating traffic fatalities and reducing serious injuries  
42 due to traffic crashes through the adoption of a safe system approach for vehicles,  
43 bicycles and pedestrians, equitable engineering, enforcement, education, data-driven  
44 decision making, and social equity considerations in road safety planning and  
45 implementation.

46                   **SECTION 4:** The Wellington Council directs the Public Safety Committee to  
47 review, evaluate, and make recommendations to the Vision Zero Action Plan and related  
48 projects and plans to achieve the goals of eliminating traffic fatalities and reducing serious  
49 injuries due to traffic crashes.

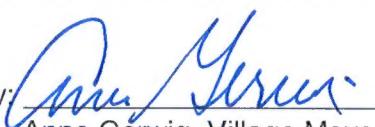
51                   **SECTION 5:** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

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54                   PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.

55                   ATTEST:

56                   By:   
57                   Chevelle Addie, Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON

58                   By:   
59                   Anne Gerwig, Village Mayor

60                   APPROVED AS TO FORM  
61                   AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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63                   Laurie Cohen, Village Attorney